



I Marine Expeditionary Force Safety Policy

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Within our Corps it is our leaders who define us, make us who we are, and who forge a path forward to make a positive impact in all we endeavor. We groom our leaders from day one to take charge and to make sound, timely decisions. We demand our leaders be fully immersed in the details of those in their charge and selflessly committed to their welfare. We expect the utmost professionalism and the highest character of all leaders in how we conduct ourselves and how we do business.

A high bar is set and we welcome the challenge. Inherent in this challenge is a mindset to execute the mission as briefed, trained and with safe operating practices whether on or off duty. A proactive safety posture demands actively engaged leaders.

Leaders at every level must strive to foster a command climate that promotes safety and preserves our warfighting assets and capabilities. Safe practices require all of us to take responsibility and to be accountable for our actions. In today's environment, there is no room for reckless behavior as it jeopardizes our combat readiness and hinders unit morale and camaraderie. Sound decision-making skills are a reflection on the core of our character. I expect all leaders to use innovative approaches to safety and to empower subordinates to make timely risk decisions. This can be accomplished through realistic training, sincere mentorship, and sound guidance, so personnel know their capabilities and limitations, and are disciplined not to exceed them. Proactive planning, applying risk management principles, coupled with engaged and competent leadership are essential elements towards mission success. No task is worth the loss of life, serious injury or loss of equipment because of mistakes and/or complacency.

I MEF plays an integral role in protecting the principles and ideals upon which this country was founded, and our nation has entrusted us to carry that banner with professionalism and dignity. I need each and every warrior to be at their best, well prepared and highly trained to be ready to carry out our mission in any clime and place. For all of us, dedicated leadership and resolute vigilance is the key to mishap-free mission execution in all we do. I need all of you in the fight. Our nation needs you in the fight!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lewis A. Craparetta".

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